India's share in World Trade

843. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in world trade has further gone down, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to increase the country's share in world trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) India's percentage share in world exports from 1980 onwards is as under:—

Calendar year	Percentage share in world exports
1980	0·42
1981	0·42
1982	0·48
1983	0·48
1984	0·46
Jan.—Sept. 1985	0·41

(NOTE:—Based on the data available in UN Statistical year Book 1979-80 and UN Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, May, 1986)

(b) With a view to boost our exports, vigorous promotional measures have been taken during the recent past. These include diversifying our production base, modernising our productive apparatus, strengthening of institutional support, modification and periodic revision of our industrial policies fiscal incentive to exporters etc.

Export of fruits and vegetables

844. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of fruits and vegetables exported by India and the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by the exporters of these commodities, if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The quantity of fresh fruits and vegetables exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years was as under:

(Qty. in MTs. Val. Rs. crores)

Item	1983-84 (Provisional)		1984-85 (Provisional)		1985-86 (Provisional)	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
Fresh Fruits	20357	15·71	16131	19·35	23285	24·30
Fresh Vegetables (Other than onion)	26867	17·13	24308	15·62	25840	16·57
TOTAL	47724	32·84	40439	34·97	49125	40·87